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REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY TO CONTINUE ITS CONTRACT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA TO OPERATE LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY

WHEREAS, for sixty (60) years, the University of California has been synonymous with Los Alamos National Laboratory as the university has managed the prestigious scientific center under a contract with the United States Department of Energy; and

WHEREAS, the laboratory has been a source of employment, economic stability and educational enrichment for generations of New Mexicans; and

WHEREAS, the state of New Mexico stands ready to do its part to strengthen the relationship and contribute to a vision that will make all New Mexicans proud of the partnership between the university, the laboratory and the Department of Energy; and

WHEREAS, the laboratory and university have made significant contributions to national security, global threat reduction and advancements in science and technology throughout the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the United States Department of Energy be requested to continue its contract with the University of California to operate Los Alamos National Laboratory; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the United States secretary of energy, the United States undersecretary of national security, the president pro tempore of the senate of the state of California and the director of Los Alamos National Laboratory.